

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A client terminal device in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed and which is capable of communicating with a server apparatus, the terminal the device comprising:

selection means for selecting any of said functions in response to a user's operation;
usability permission request means for requesting a server apparatus to permit usability of said selected function;

setting means for setting respective flags of said plurality functions into an enabling state and a disabling state;

controlling means for controlling usability of the function in accordance with the state of the flag thereof set by said setting means, so as to make the function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, usable and make the function the flag of which is set in the disabling state, unusable;

payment means for executing payment processing of a price of the said function the flag of which is set in the enabling state the usability of which is permitted in response to the request by said usability permission request means, every predetermined period;

count means for counting a period in which said function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, remains being not used executed;

usability prohibition request means for automatically requesting the server apparatus to prohibit the a usability of said function if said counted period exceeds the predetermined period; and

changing means for changing the state of the flag of said function from the enabling state to the disabling state in response to a response of said server apparatus to the prohibition request by said prohibition request means

payment termination means for executing termination processing of payment of the price of said function the usability of which is prohibited in response to the request by said usability prohibition request means.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A terminal device according to claim 16, wherein the said function is at least one of a scan function, print function, a copy function and a facsimile transmission function.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): A terminal device according to claim 16, further comprising icon display means for displaying icons corresponding respectively to said plurality of functions, said icon display means distinctly displays the icons among said plurality of between functions in different states in accordance with the enabling state and the disabling state of the flags thereof state of usability permission and functions in a state of usability prohibition.

Claims 19-21 (Cancelled).

Claim 22 (Currently amended): A control method of client terminal device in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed and which is capable of communicating with a server apparatus, said method comprising the step of:

selecting any of said functions in response to a user's operation;

requesting a server apparatus to permit usability of said selected function;

setting respective flags of said plurality functions into an enabling state and a disabling state;

controlling usability of the function in accordance with the state of the flag thereof set in said setting step, so as to make the function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, usable and make the function the flag of which is set in the disabling state, unusable;

executing, every predetermined period, payment processing of a price of the said function the flag of which is set in the enabling state the usability of which is permitted in response to the request by said usability permission request step;

counting a period in which said function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, remains being not used executed;

automatically requesting the server apparatus to prohibit the a usability of said function if said counted period exceeds the predetermined period; and

changing the state of the flag with said function from the enabling state to the disabling state in response to a response of said server apparatus to the prohibition request by said prohibition request means

executing termination processing of payment of the price of said function the usability of which is prohibited in response to the request by said usability prohibition request step.

Claim 23 (Cancelled).

Claim 24 (Currently amended): A record medium storing a program readable by a computer for implementing a control method of client terminal device in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed and which is capable of communicating with a server apparatus, said method comprising the step of:

selecting any of said functions in response to a user's operation;

requesting a server apparatus to permit usability of said selected function;

setting respective flags of said plurality functions into an enabling state and a disabling state;

controlling usability of the function in accordance with the state of the flag thereof set in said setting step, so as to make the function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, usable and make the function the flag of which is set in the disabling state, unusable;

executing, every predetermined period, payment processing of a price of the said function the flag of which is set in the enabling state the usability of which is permitted in response to the request by said usability permission request step;

counting a period in which said function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, remains being not used executed;

automatically requesting the server apparatus to prohibit the a usability of said function if said counted period exceeds the predetermined period; and

changing the state of the flag with said function from the enabling state to the disabling state in response to a response of said server apparatus to the prohibition request by said prohibition request means

executing termination processing of payment of the price of said function the usability of which is prohibited in response to the request by said usability prohibition request step.

Claim 25 (Cancelled).